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COTTON SITUATION STILL DISCOURAGING.

We are still in the middle of a bad fix as regards the cotton situation, both locally and in a general way.

The opinion now is that there will be 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 more bales of cotton than there is a demand for. Certainly there will be little spinning in France and Germany and little in England. The English mills might go ahead but for the fact that the mind of England is absorbed by the tremendous problem of saving the nation's life.

Here we are at the opening of the season with war sweeping the world and with every cotton future exchange closed.

Naturally those American mills that run are desirous of securing the cotton at a low figure. So long as the supply exceeds the demand there will be a tremendous burden on the market and the American mills will gain their point. Just how long we shall be up against this proposition no one can tell. All depends upon how long the European war continues.

There is a good deal said about the planter holding his cotton but in most cases our planters cannot do this. If you can, that is certainly the thing to do.

Others declare they will not harvest the crop. This will prove a big mistake, too, if carried out. The one thing to do now is get the crop out of the field, if possible. A solution to the problem is bound to come sooner or later. Just now there is a scarcity of money in the big business centers, but within a few days big returns on wheat will have begun to filter into this country. Part of this money, then, can probably be secured and used in improving the situation.

Several Hickman firms hit upon a plan this week which they have put into operation. That is to buy cotton from parties owing them and give them credit on notes and accounts. These firms are allowing \$2.60 per hundred for seed cotton. In order that picking may still go ahead on this plan 60c cash is paid on each hundred and the \$2 is placed to the grower's credit. As 60c per hundred is the price paid for picking this season, the arrangement enables those who care to do so to get out their cotton and pay their local accounts. Of course, the fellow who doesn't want to pay what he owes will not be very enthusiastic about the innovation.

A Courier man asked one of these firms what they expected to do in case a man owing only \$10 presented a bale (or load) of cotton in payment of his account. In that case, we were told, a due bill will be given for the balance. Said due bill will, or should, have purchasing power at local stores practically equivalent to legal tender. But the due bill business will adjust itself, and properly treated, is capable of doing a world of good in business circles.

It is at once apparent to those who are posted on the situation that our merchants buying cotton are merely "taking a shot" in order to help the local planter and themselves. If warehouse receipts come into their own as collateral, the merchant will be able to pull through; otherwise, he holds the bag.

Therefore, in this stressing time, there should be co-operation among our business interests and farmers. Let us pull together; it's the only way out now. Even at best it is bad enough.

Civil service examination will be held at the Hickman postoffice Saturday morning September 26, for the purpose of securing a clerk and assistant postmaster at this office. As a matter of information, it might be stated that the postmaster may choose any one he wants from the six making the best grades to fill these places.

I WANT 10 earloads of sweet potatoes (Yellow Jerseys) at market prices; also 5 ears apples. Phone or write me if you have either.—A. E. Kennedy. 1c

School begins Monday.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S STORM STARTS TWO FIRES.

A severe wind and electrical storm struck Hickman about 6 o'clock Sunday evening and raged until well into the night. It was accompanied by a soaking rain, which played havoc with our streets. Fruit was threshed from trees and growing crops suffered considerably.

Lightning set fire to the Barkett Wholesale Gro. Co. building, also Mr. Barkett's residence at the same instant, following a telephone line into both places. The flames were both put out before any serious damage resulted. The simultaneous catching of both places is accounted for by reason of both phones being on the same line, which carried an extra heavy charge of electricity.

At Mayfield the American Snuff Co. suffered a severe loss when a part of their plant was unroofed and a lot of tobacco ruined.

A. O. Caruthers is putting a tile floor in his building occupied by Elmo Allen's barbershop. The shop has moved temporarily to Mayor Dillon's building on the opposite side of the street.

Pope Herring and wife and Will Hubbard and wife, of Union City, spent Sunday with T. T. Swayne and wife.

School books—cash only—Helm & Ellison.



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Mrs. W. W. Bee returned home Sunday after a visit to her mother, of Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. C. L. Clark and daughter, Aileen, spent Saturday in Union City with relatives.

Leslie Skinner left Saturday for Johnson City where he will attend school.

No school books sold on credit.—Helm & Ellison.

Arch DeBow has returned to Louisville after a visit to Mrs. J. E. Fuqua and family.

Miss Grace Threlkeld spent a few days this week with Cne Threlkeld and wife.

N. R. Holcombe spent Saturday in Union City with his aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Hall.

Miss Nettie Frost, of Wingo, is visiting Mrs. J. Spradlin.

WOULD ALSO HANDICAP LAKE COUNTY FOLKS.

There is a persistent rumor current that the N. C. & St. L. railroad will in a short time, take off trains Nos. 52 and 53, between Hickman and Nashville. The reason is, the trains do not carry enough passengers to justify the continuation of them. If this is done, Hickman is the biggest loser and the people of Lake county will be greatly handicapped about traveling, as they have to change cars at Hickman, when going north or east.—Lake County News.

The Warren county fruit growers last week shipped 8000 bushels of peaches, for which they received \$12,000. Why not get busy then, farmers, and plant ten or fifteen acres each in peaches? They will begin to produce in five years.

T. P. Fortune, of Memphis, Walter Taliaferro, of Covington, Harold DeBow, of Nashville, Horace Lutten and wife, P. H. Weeks, wife and sons and Prof. J. C. Cheek, of Fulton, attended the funeral of J. E. Fuqua Friday.

Yes, says an exchange, times have changed. It used to be that when a little girl was bow-legged her mother consoled her by saying that being a girl "it won't show much," but times have changed.

BITTEN BY MAD DOG; FIVE TAKE TREATMENT.

When it was learned Thursday that the dog which bit five persons Monday, in this city, had rabies, there was a rush to Bowling Green for Pasteur treatment.

Those bitten were Noble Crockett and four children, William, little son of Corman Vance, Robert Hagan, Rosecoe and Robert Taylor, son of Chas. Taylor. It was not known for a certainty at first whether the little Vance boy was bitten or merely scratched, but it developed that he had been bitten, according to the experts at Bowling Green. He returned home Monday with his parents and will finish taking the treatment here. Three of the five who went to Bowling Green were found to be infected, and all will remain twenty-one days and take the full treatment. This treatment is said to produce extreme sickness in cases where the patient is infected.

As stated last week, the dog which did the biting was killed by Deputy Sheriff Naylor and the head sent to Bowling Green for examination.

All the patients were bitten about the hands.

Before the dog was killed he was seen fighting with other dogs in the west end of town, and as a result 14 dogs were killed in that section Friday. The city has also made war on worthless curs, and those found without muzzles on will be killed.

HENRY BROWN KILLED BY C. M. & G. TRAIN.

Henry Brown, a negro working for Gauder Johnson, and who had been here about three weeks, was found dead beside the C. M. & G. Ry. at Ledford station about 8:30 Saturday night.

Both legs and one arm were broken, but his clothes were not torn, nor were there any of the usual evidences of being run down by a train, so we are informed. The negro was here in town Saturday afternoon and rode part of the way home with Tom Bragg. Bragg says Henry did not have time to get to Ledford before the train passed. But a negro by the name of Chatman was with the victim when he left Bragg's place, and he says they were both walking on the track when the train approached. He says Henry was drunk and he could not get him off in time and the engine hit him.

In Ledford & Randle's store Saturday afternoon Brown had some words with several other negroes. Mr. Ledford was of the opinion that some of the bunch, including the victim, were full of "dope." A coroner's jury rendered a verdict, but did not say he was killed by a train.

The negro was from Alabama. His body was buried near the scene of the killing. When searched, 15c and a sack of tobacco were the only things found in his pockets.

NEGRO WOMAN STABBED. WOUND MAY BE FATAL.

Callie Winston, a negress living just west of the old Capt. Hackett place, was the victim of a painful if not fatal knife wound Saturday night about 11 o'clock. She says "Cocaine" Jimmy Madison was her assailant, and he is not to be found in this section.

Callie says Jimmy broke into the house and "stobbed" her while she was "stooped over taking off her shoes," without provocation, more than that he was intoxicated and had been refused when he sought her heart and hand in marriage.

Dr. Chas. Curdin dressed the wound. He found a "stob" in the back about an inch and a half deep, and from the nature of the wound it was evident the knife had been given a twist before it was pulled out. The woman is paralyzed from the waist down, although the thrust seemed to have missed the spinal column. The wound may yet prove fatal. She is 45 years old.

It is said both her and her paramour showed signs of intoxication while up town in the afternoon.

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